

Committee on Resolutions reported the following:

1. We feel to thank our blessed Redeemer for protecting our lives and permitting us to once more meet in conference assembled.
2. That we extend our thanks to the C. V. R. R. and W. M. R. R. Co's for courtesies shown us in reduced rates to our conference.
3. To the brethren and sisters of the Hagerstown church for their generous hospitality in entertaining the conference.
4. To the chairman and secretary for discharging the duties of their office impartially.
5. To the organist and others who contributed to the enlivening of the occasion with good music.
6. To the ladies who presented the cut flowers which gave a more pleasing effect to the occasion.
7. Resolved that we denounce the liquor traffic of this city as well as elsewhere as detrimental to the interest of good government and that we use every effort to lessen its power, curtail its influence and banish it from our country.

G. A. COPP, Chairman.

G. A. Copp's motion that the chair appoint a committee to have the minutes of this convention published in the EVANGELIST carried. Chair appointed G. A. Copp, T. W. Fahrney and J. M. Tombaugh.

The foregoing minutes read and adopted. After singing a hymn the benediction was pronounced by J. C. Mackey.

Conference adjourned, sine die.

DR. V. M. REICHARD, Moderator.

THEO. W. FAHRNEY, Secretary.

Communion Notice

The brethren of the Salem church, Carroll Co., Ind., will hold their communion service on Monday evening, June 27th. The neighboring congregations are invited, Darwin, Flora and Mt. Pleasant. Come with us who can.

WM. W. SUMMERS.

Roanoke, Va.

A month or so since I received a letter from brother G. C. Wood of the G. B. fraternity of Pittsylvania City, Va., asking for information on the subject of the Doctrines and Discipline of the Brethren church. My response was so satisfactory to him and his friends that a meeting was appointed at his place on the 4 inst. I reached his place, about 50 miles south of Lynchburg, on the evening of the 3, and a personal interview and comparison of views on the subject in which he was interested, shows a pleasing unanimity, and at noon of the 4, we met a small congregation at their place of worship and also a liberal one at the evening appointment. The meeting at noon on the 5, (Sunday) was largely attended and after the sermon, which seemed to be interesting to the audience, a statement of the difference between the G. B's and the Brethren was presented, by special request.

The points of difference embodied in the statement were, in substance, as follows:

1. We have only one book, the New Testament, to guide us in doctrine and church government, which we maintain to be the finished product of God's mind on the subject of the world's salvation.

They have two books, one, the New Testament, and the other the book containing the decisions of A. M.

2. We have no conditions of baptism but those contained in the New Testament. They have the New Testament conditions, supplemented by the specific pledge to conform to the rules of the church as laid down in the book of decisions.

3. We have no qualifications for official service but soundness in the faith of the gospel, and aptness to teach. They have no qualification that is not supplemented by a promise to conform to the order of the church in the wearing of the hair and the peculiar form of cutting the coat.

4. We administer the communion immediately after the love feast. They interject the ceremony of the chain of the holy kiss between them.

5. We require the kiss only at the foot-washing service observing it thus as a strictly religious ceremony. They reduce it to a social service by observing it on all occasions.

6. We only require sisters to wear the hair long as a covering for prayer. They require two coverings, one the natural hair as enjoyed by the apostle, and the other a white cap.

7. We only use the elements of an ordinary meal for the Lord's Supper. They allow nothing but boiled meat and soup.

8. We hold that our congregations are independent. They hold their congregations subject to Annual Conference.

After the above statement, which was duly elaborated, was concluded a proclamation was made that all persons who would declare their intention of taking the New Testament as their only rule of faith and practice had the liberty to make their declaration known by presenting their names for membership in the Brethren church.

In response to this there were 8 persons who gave their names, all of which were duly enrolled. One of them was brother G. C. Wood, the only minister, and another Daniel Duncan, the only deacon. Brother Wood who was a so called 2 degree preacher, was formally ordained as an elder and the organization of the 1st Brethren church in Pittsylvania was perfected. There are others who have declared their intention to join, but who were unavoidably absent. The outlook for our cause there is very, very, hopeful.

Of course the question will naturally arise what caused the commotion there which has culminated so favorably for our cause. The old, old story of Brother Moore, (of the "Gospel Messenger,") "interpretations" of the Lord's Words. They could not be con-

vinced that those "interpretations" were divinely inspired.

Our evening service was well attended and our first visit to that part of the "vineyard" closed with most gratifying prospects for the future. Thus another congregation is successfully launched and let the brethren everywhere not forget to make mention of them in their prayers.

The members constituting the new organization are of the best, in point of moral standing in that section. May the Father's blessing ever accompany them.

D. C. MOOMAW.

Program Union Meeting to be Held at Loree, Ind., June 18 and 19, 1898

FIRST SESSION, 2 P. M.

Devotional service. Topic for testimony, "What am I here for?" led by P. M. Fisher. Needs of My Church and Three Things we would Like to know, D. A. Hopkins. Song service, Ada Cunningham. General business.

SECOND SESSION, 7 P. M.

Prayer and song service, L. W. Ditch. Communion service.

THIRD SESSION, 8:30 A. M.

Devotional service, J. M. Fox.

How we may Make our Sunday-school More Fruitful. General discussion, led by Loree S. S. superintendent.

Sunday-school.

What is a Profitable Sabbath? Mrs. Mary M. Bauman.

How Can We Consecrate Ourselves to the Temperance and Similar Reforms? Mrs. W. C. Perry.

FOURTH SESSION, 2 P. M.

Devotional service, Louis S. Bauman.

What is the Greatest Need of the Modern Church? W. C. Perry.

What I expect of my Members. Short speeches by Ministers on the above subject, led by J. M. Fox.

What I expect of my Pastor. Short speeches by the Laity on the above subject, led by Charles Barnhart.

FIFTH SESSION, 7 P. M.

K. C. of C. E.,—"True Friendship," led by Laura Greer.

Sermon, L. W. Ditch.

Old fashioned hand-shake and good bye.

Millford, Ind.

As my pen has been silent for some time, I will try to write a few items that may do some good. We are still moving along in our church work. God is with us, who can be against us? We are to have our same pastor back this year. He has done good work here, and still there is more to do yet, with the church's help. May God bless him in his great work of saving souls for Christ. Our Sunday-school is doing nicely with Brother Brumbaugh at the head. He is the right man in the right place. May God bless him in his great work. I say great work for it is a great work for Christ and the church. That is where we train these